



Climate Action Plan targets emissions

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – After debate and compromise on an overall greenhouse gas emissions cap, Humboldt County's Board of Supervisors has approved a new plan for controlling local contribution to climate change.

Approved at the Board's Dec. 16 meeting, the Regional Climate Action Plan covers the entire county. It targets the emissions of various transportation and development activities and has 12 strategies for limiting them.

They include the "cornerstone" measure of creating an inter-governmental "regional climate coalition," a variety of measures to reduce vehicle use and encourage use of electric vehicles, and "decarbonization" of new construction.

The overall quest is to keep the county's emissions on track to meet the state's 2030 and 2045 targets, with an ultimate goal of "carbon neutrality."

As with the Planning Commission, much of the supervisors' discussion focused on the plan's most sweeping measure – setting a total greenhouse gas emission threshold.

Measured in metric tons per resident, the threshold provides a basis for evaluating whether development projects will have significant impacts.

An original threshold was re-evaluated by Rincon Consultants, Inc., which concluded it was too permissive. Rincon's recommendation is to reduce it by 50 percent.

During a public comment period, Matt Simmons, the climate attorney,

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Sunny Braers turn out for cell tower talk



TOWERING TURNOUT About a hundred people braved rain to show up at the Arcata Community Center's Senior Dining Facility for the meeting.

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First public meeting on monopole plan

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ARCATA – If there are any supporters of the 186-foot tall cell tower proposed for Sunny Brae, they either stayed home or didn't speak up at a well-attended meeting on the subject last week at the Arcata Community Center.

Though intended as an update on the process through which the project will be approved or denied, the rainy Monday night meeting was the first opportunity for residents to voice their thoughts in a public venue, and they didn't hold back.

With county planners, Sup. Mike Wilson and a representative of the

project applicant in attendance, residents expressed everything from concern to fear to outrage over the supertall tower's installation.

The main issue is location, with the tower to be sited in a forested watershed in county territory alongside homes that lie within Arcata city limits.

As such, the site is exempt from Arcata's regulatory authority, and must comply only with county and federal regulations which many consider inadequate.

Residents are worried about the massive construction effort required, the sudden industrialization of their quiet neighborhood, destruction of

a delicate natural area, impacts to property values and overall destruction of their way of life, among other issues. Some are leery of possible radio frequency (RF) radiation exposure from what could eventually be four carriers' transmitters on the massive monopole.

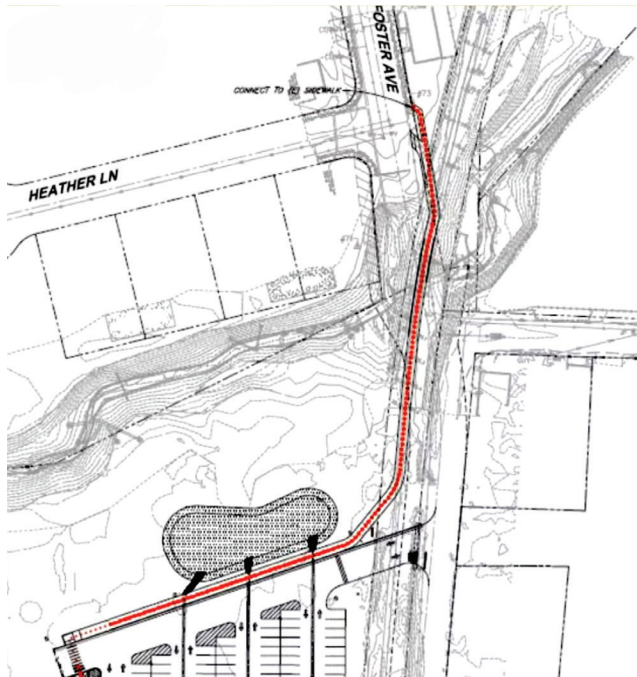
In opening remarks, Wilson and Planning Director John Ford laid down a couple of markers as to the meeting's purpose and parameters.

"This meeting is an informational meeting," Wilson said. "It is not a hearing, so we're not taking testimony or anything like that."

The Third District supervisor clarified that he is "an advocate for good process," who would have to

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Arcata Bottom parking project getting new trail, and eventually, a road across the slough



THE NEW TRAIL is shown in red in this image from the presentation to the council. IMAGE VIA CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

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ARCATA BOTTOM – Cal Poly Humboldt's Foster Campus Connectivity Project has a major problem – connectivity. Located on four-acres of a 16.7 acre parcel on Foster Avenue in the Arcata Bottom, it will provide 212 much-needed vehicle parking spaces, with a shuttle to deliver users to the main campus four times per hour.

But that shuttle will have to traverse Foster Avenue – still a narrow country road – through two 90-degree turns to reach Alliance Road. Area residents have registered their objections, and last week, Mike Fisher, the university's acting vice president of administration, said that following feedback gathered during the CEQA process, two solutions – one near-term and another sometime in the more distant future – are in the works.

First is a Class 1 trail that will utilize the legacy rail easement to link the project with Alliance Road. The trail – similar to the Annie & Mary Trail – will accommodate pedestrians, bicycles and any equestrians wishing to journey to and from the site. "There's already existing infrastructure in place," Fisher said. "We're not introducing any new impacts with what's currently there... And it's just big enough to accommodate a class one trail system."

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Waterline Replacement Project progressing

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ARCATA – The City of Arcata’s Steel Waterline Replacement Project continues to make great progress and will soon begin construction on more of Arcata’s streets.

This project is currently finishing the watermain replacement phase of work along Wyatt Lane, Stewart Avenue, Chestnut Place and Roberts Way while asphalt paving in this area is anticipated in January 2026. Water mainline replacement will soon begin along Maple Lane and Baldwin Street between Stromberg Avenue and Hilfiker Drive. Future areas of work will include Davis Way, Cropley Way and Acheson Way between Stromberg Avenue and Hilfiker Drive, with work anticipated in these areas by March 2026. The city will update the project construction website with dates

and locations of work as the project progresses.

Work for this project involves removal and replacement of aging water infrastructure and service lines throughout town. Work occurs at various locations within city limits. Construction will take place Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on some days the contractor may extend work hours from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Controlled one-way traffic and temporary road closures will occur during hours of construction, however, pedestrian access should still be available throughout the project. Driveways may be periodically impacted during trenching and excavation of mainlines; residents are encouraged to communicate their needs to the contractor as the work progresses to help minimize the delays in entering and leaving their property. Limitations to on-street parking accessibility adjacent to work sites are to be expected, however, this is typically restricted to hours of construction.

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Wednesday, December 17	00.28	10.17	16.90	11.63
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ACROSS

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6 Exhausts

10 Gardner et al.

14 Squirrel's snack

15 Pelvic: Prefix

16 Netanyahu, informally

17 Golfer Palmer, to pals

18 Play down

20 Type of squash

22 Egg-shaped

23 Where the stars shop

25 Impose ____ on (outlaw)

27 Mine find

28 Bad atmosphere

32 Bell and Barker

33 Louder, in music: Abbr.

34 Chocolatier's machine

35 First hymn of a Mass

37 Manor workers

38 Brosnan TV role

39 Scads

40 Prefix with system

41 Big Apple river

42 Kimono sash

43 Put ____ in it: 2 wds.

44 Trucker's turf

47 Swiss miss of kid lit

50 Many-sided

53 On a downward slope

55 Old-womanish

56 French city once known for silk

57 "Welcome to" sign abbr.

58 Bamboo lover

59 Go on and on

60 Sgts., e.g.

61 Classic watch maker

DOWN

1 Swedish auto

2 Beige shade

3 Showed a difference

4 Moon of Neptune

5 Golfing legend Ed

6 "Les Diaboliques" actress Simone

7 Hints at, with "to"

8 Peter, in Poland

9 Shipwreck signal

10 Most importantly

11 " ____ Las Vegas"

12 Beat anagram

13 Filly's father

19 Cold war foe

21 Adjust, in a way

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25 Simple-living sect

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29 Rising sharply

30 French thanks

31 Fiery felony

33 Cleansing procedure

36 Junk mail addressee

37 Olympic racers

39 Home of the Maple Leafs

43 Not written in key

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48 One-named Irish singer

49 Wedding words

51 Grocery chain

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Orick's Shoreline Fuel Mart to close, build back better

SHORELINE FUEL MART
ORICK – Please be advised that effective Jan. 1, 2026, the Shoreline Fuel Mart will be closed until the new Shoreline redevelopment project is complete.

This decision was not made lightly. The store has experienced multiple acts of vandalism and ongoing issues related to aging and failing equipment.

Despite our best efforts to maintain the facility, keep equipment operational and continue providing fuel to the community of Orick, California, the challenges posed by deteriorating infrastructure and repeated vandalism have made continued operations no longer feasible.

Every reasonable effort was made to sustain safe and reliable operations under difficult circumstances.

We are grateful for the opportunity to have served the Orick community and appreciate the support and understanding shown over the years.

Importantly, we want to assure the community that the Shoreline Fuel Mart redevelopment project remains on track, and we look forward to serving the community again in the future with improved, modern facilities.

The Shoreline Fuel Mart project is currently in the design phase, which we hope to have completed in spring of 2026.

The multimillion-dollar project

seeks to transform the long-neglected property into a welcoming gateway that serves as an asset and a point of pride for the Orick community.

The modern facility will include the following elements: retail space, visitor information highlighting local businesses, food and beverages, signage to slow traffic, six fuel pumps and two EV charging stations.

We sincerely thank the Orick community for your continued support and understanding.

SEASIDE SPRUCE-UP

The Frank Georgeson-designed 1917 Trinidad Town Hall, the center of municipal meetings, musical and dramatic events, weddings, memorials, celebratory teas, luncheons, dinners, fund raising dances, craft fairs and civic and social gatherings of every description, is receiving loving care.

New exterior colors and trim, new windows, entry step resurfacing and more improvements were approved at recent City Council meetings. Georgeson, who also designed Arcata's Minor Theater and the Eureka Woman's Club, paid particularly close attention to the acoustics of his designs. The redwood ceiling, walls and the fir floor of the Hall resonate with rich sound during concerts.

Trinidadians are grateful for this Hall, the heart of the community for 108 years. Merry Christmas and Joyful Holiday wishes to all in this blessed coastal town. Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

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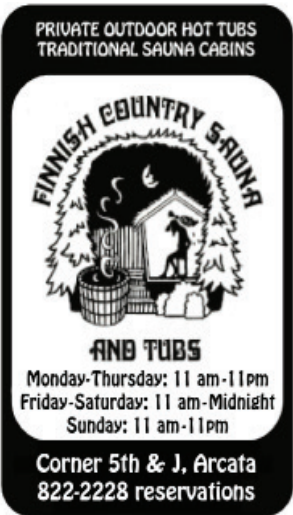
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Calypso dishes lore of storied theatre career

Calypso enters the coffee shop where we decided to meet and the first thing I notice is his rings. Each claw is stacked with ornate silver and gold jewelry, it seems that the dragon’s hoard has taken a new shape and style.

He takes a moment to adjust his linen slacks – a vibrant blue that pairs well with his multicolored scales – he greets me with the casual elegance of a longtime star. His calm, collected demeanor is a testament to his acting chops, as the villain he portrays could not be further from the truth.

Built and operated by James Hildebrandt and a gaggle of middle schoolers, Calypso the Blue Dragon has been working in theater and spectacle eye for 12 years. After years of committing his life to working with children and the public he has finally found his breakthrough role as His Holiness, the CEO of Capitalism, the Visible Hand of the Market, in the Arcata Playhouse holiday show, *The Dungeon, the Dragon and the Wizard of Doom*.

Leo: So the holiday show is over, how are you feeling?

Calypso: Tired (he laughs) but honestly so grateful, and humbled. It’s been amazing to hear the response from the community, and so gratifying to work with this cast. They really were the best ensemble. There’s always so much focus on the star but this role really would not have had the impact it did without my team.

L: That’s so nice they were able to prop you up, in more ways than one!

C: I’m not sure I catch your drift...

L: Nevermind, just a little joke. Now, I have to ask, was it intentional that your appearance was left out of the promotional materials?

C: At first I was a little pissed I wasn’t in any of the publicity, like, what the hell? I’m the headliner, and not to brag but I do bring some brand credibility as well, most audiences are excited to see me take on a new role. But ultimately I think the element of surprise was advantageous to us, seeing the audience’s face when I did my fight scene was all worth it.

L: Absolutely, I think the reveal really worked in your favor. So, I can’t help but notice the band played Puff the Magic Dragon at the start of the show, how was that for you? Obviously it’s a sensitive subject but I’m sure people are wondering how you are handling that conflict.

C: Honestly, that hit home. Puff and I used to be so close, we worked together for many years. We used to play disc golf together way back in the day. Of course it’s a difficult situation, there are only so many dragons working these days, but it’s hard not to feel a little strange when people get us confused.

L: Of course, that makes a lot of sense, and I’m sure it’s hard having personal conflicts in the public eye.

C: Exactly, but ultimately it’s important for me to represent dragons well too and not get too heated. In this show I played the villain but I hope that through my portrayal I am able to open people’s minds to the transformative power of theater. My character dies, but the wizard Umbranova is given a chance at redemption and I think that’s such an important message.

L: I couldn’t agree more. And I know you have to get going so we can wrap this up, any closing remarks?

C: I guess just always follow your instinct, you know take a risk. I wouldn’t have found success in this if I hadn’t trusted myself or if I hadn’t eaten that kid.

L: Oh! Well thank you so much for fitting this into your busy schedule today, I really appreciate it.

C: My pleasure.

City of Arcata holiday schedule, contact info

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – In celebration of the winter holidays, Arcata City Hall will be closed to the public Wednesday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Dec. 26 and closed again on Thursday, Jan. 1.
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After the initial closure, City Hall will reopen to the public at 9 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 29. After the New Year, City Hall will reopen at 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 2.
For more information, contact the City Manager’s Office at (707) 822-5953

STATE OF THE CITY 2026 On Thursday, Jan. 22, the Arcata Chamber of Commerce will host the State of the City at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the program begins at 11 a.m. This event is free for Chamber members and \$10 for non-members. There will be presentations from the Arcata Chamber, City of Arcata and Cal Poly Humboldt. Light refreshments will be provided by Redwood Capital Bank before the program, and a brief Q&A session will follow. Register online for free at business.arcatachamber.com/events/details/state-of-the-city-622.



Peggy Pony

❖ ALL THINGS ART

Leo David

Fostering gives a shelter dog a second chance

Happy Holidays!

We seem to be in a wet period; it’s a good time to practice those brain games with your dogs – puzzles, hide and seek, special toys – anything that can engage their brains and burn off a little steam.

I keep a few soft toys in our broom closet that only come out for a good session of tug and switch. We put those toys away a little before Frannie gets tired of playing with them. She’s always excited again when the closet opens! Ten minutes of engaged play really calms her down and makes the bad weather days (or really any day) a little calmer.

One thing I had wanted to mention about the shelter’s Holiday Fundraiser was that I got to see my very first foster dog, who came along for the ride with his people. His name is Javier now, but it was Sprint when I first took him home 12 years ago. The shelter was full that December and fosters were needed.

I thought, “I can take the chihuahua home; if he’s a problem I could probably just put him in a crate.” I admit that I was not particularly a fan of chihuahuas, thinking they were just yappy little dogs, but taking him would clear a kennel so I took him home.



❖ DOGTOWN

Mara Segal

Sprint had three good legs and one that had been broken and untreated so it was a little wonky. Not only was he easy and entertaining, but he could keep up with my big dog Hank when we went out for frisbee throwing. Hank was young and strong and could fly across a field to catch his frisbee. Sprint would run out and back with him on every throw! We were amazed.

Sprint was a good small dog ambassador and a great first foster dog. He also went on to a great home, where he currently resides. We have fostered literally hundreds of dogs and puppies since our first experience back then with Sprint.



Javier.

There are actually six little puppies sleeping at my feet as I write this. They came from a spay and neuter clinic held in Hoopa last weekend by Public Vet. They will move on to one of

our wonderful fosters today and then will probably head up to the Pacific Northwest where the larger population will swoop them right up!

Fostering is something the shelter and Redwood Pals Rescue are always in need of. There are lots of different ways to foster. Some people take a shelter dog in need of a medical foster, a home where a dog or cat can quietly recover from an illness or injury before going back up for adoption. Others take a young dog that might need more mental stimulation that they are getting from sitting in a kennel all day. They might keep the dog until they are adopted, or they might just give them a little break.

Redwood Pals can sometimes use fosters who can temporarily take a litter of puppies in until they are old enough to move on, but we always need foster homes that will save the life of a dog that we think is not getting a fair shake for one reason or another. It is a bit of a commitment, as we can’t predict how long it will take for the dog to get adopted, but this is the most important kind of fostering.

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Elsa.

SAMMANATHA ABBOTT | DOGTOWN

One of our dogs that needs this to get a second chance is little Elsa.

Elsa is just a young girl who loves to play and is very affectionate with her volunteer friends. She would choose a toy over food any day.

Elsa loves it when she gets out in the play yard, picking up a soft toy and taking it for a spin around the yard at top speed! She has an inside room at the shelter where she does not have outside access and yet she keeps it tidy and waits for her turn to go outside. She has some special doggy walking buddies but would probably be happiest as the only dog in her home.

Elsa is two, a great compact size, about 40 pounds, and fully vaccinated and spayed.

If you would like to meet her or receive more information about fostering, please contact us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at (707) 633-8842.

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ney for the Environmental Protection Information Center, said Rincon’s recommended threshold should be adopted because it’s “supported by substantial evidence” and gives the county firmer footing to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.

Also supporting a lower threshold was Colin Fiske of the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities, who said with a higher limit, the county will be “digging ourselves a deeper hole” in future planning.

Environmental attorney Paul Hagen agreed, saying the county will be “behind the gun” if a threshold above Rincon’s is approved.

A “baseline” or existing emissions level is figured on the county’s 2022 output of 1.5 million metric tons of “carbon dioxide equivalent” and the significance of that was raised by an attorney for a company developing an Indianola area housing project.

The attorney said the plan’s Environmental Impact Report “fails” to include the project in the baseline, meaning it will have to conform to the plan’s impact reduction rules.

He described that as a “defect in the environmental analysis.”

Other speakers described the plan as being long overdue.

But Southern Humboldt resident Thomas Mulder called in and said he was sitting “in front of my wood-burning stove that I greatly appreciate” and questioned whether the plan’s restrictions should be applied to rural areas.

“I don’t want someone to lose that right and that ability, so please be mindful when you’re talking about rural living, not to take those rights away from someone,” he continued. “I would hate for my son to not be able to have a wood-burning stove if for some reason this house burnt down and we had to rebuild it and you have this new rule, ‘oh, can’t have a wood-burning stove – new rules.’”

Asked later about Mulder’s concerns, Planning Director John Ford said wood-burning stoves will still be allowed under the plan but their use will be limited to EPA-approved devices.

When Supervisor Michelle Bushnell asked which sector would be most affected by new regulations, Ford described compliance with the plan as a shared responsibility.

He said everyone has to be part of emissions reduction and with the plan in place, those who advance projects can follow it and “that’s one less threshold they have to cross” in

permitting.

Bushnell said she’s heard that complying with the plan will add \$10,000 to developers’ costs.

“There could be things they need to do to address climate change needs,” Ford replied. “But those are things that we all really need to take accountability for.”

He added, “it’s not targeting any one organization, individual or industry – it’s really about rethinking what we need to do to address climate change.”

Bushnell acknowledged that but vouched for a lesser threshold reduction, of 25 percent.

Supervisors debated the threshold level and agreed on a compromise, to reduce it by 35 percent.

On the expenses of compliance, Board Chair Mike Wilson said not addressing climate change will exact the highest costs of all.

“We have to remember we’re like in a truck or something heading towards a cliff, which is the climate change,” he continued. “We’re trying to turn the wheel and we can’t get concerned about spilling the coffee.”

Supervisors unanimously voted to approved the Regional Climate Action Plan with the 35 percent threshold reduction.

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But since that doesn’t fully mitigate the increase in vehicular traffic, an actual road with a new bridge over McDaniel Slough is in the planning stages. Fisher didn’t initially mention the road, but under questioning by the City Council, he dished on the long-term goal.

“This is a phase one, phase zero, if you will, to bring critical infrastructure to the site,” he said. “We really understand that if there’s a clear benefit to introducing the realignment of Foster back across the slough in some sort of a vehicular bridge with pedestrian thoroughfare as part of it as well. And that’s something that we’ve worked through with the city in concept and design.”

Fisher said the road project is “a little out of reach financially, but certainly, we have thresholds that we’re putting in place with the city with how we want to develop out there. And this is this is phase zero of that.”

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make legally defensible findings and a decision on the project, were the county Planning Commission’s determination to be appealed to the Board of Supervisors.

Ford noted that the planners present weren’t there to advocate for the project, but to provide information to empower the public. “So if you would allow us to do that and understand that our intent is to help you understand and please just let’s be civil and this meeting can go really well.”

Ford said that applicant Pacific Towers representative, Matthew Moore of Sacramento-based Complete Wireless Consulting, was present and available for conversation, but that he wouldn’t be presenting.

“He asked if he could present and we said no,” Ford said, “because the primary reason is we don’t want to get into a back and forth.”

Then-Mayor Alex Stillman told attendees that the City of Arcata is receiving abundant comment in the project, but that since it is outside city limits, “we can do nothing about this, except support your efforts.”

County Planner Michael Holtermann outlined the process, noting that it is presently paused as the applicant provides additional information. He cautioned the public that the project’s radio frequency (RF) emissions are within Federal Communications Commission limits, and objections about that can’t be considered.

The project, Holtermann said, could be covered by a mitigated negative declaration, or an Environmental Impact Report could be required.

Attendees challenged assertions in the

project application, including a site profile that left out any indications of the homes that would be in close proximity.

Among the follow-up details the county is asking of the applicant is what alternative siting possibilities it has investigated.

It has also asked for updated photo simulations of visual impacts that take into account the trees that will have to be removed near the site for access and construction, as well as issues with cumulative noise and lighting impacts. Another question is the true extent of roadbuilding necessary.

Citizens were unreserved in their comments, complaining of the fundamental changes the tower will bring to their way of life. The neighborhood’s tranquility will be shattered by the extensive construction required and the ensuing installation. Shirley Boulevard, lined with blind drive-ways but no sidewalks, will have to accommodate everything from logging trucks to cranes and bulldozer deliveries.

One resident asked that more stringent regulations governing adjacent lands within the City of Arcata be applied to the unzoned county parcel, but that’s not a possibility.

Others spoke of the habitat destruction affected Northern Spotted Owls and Red-Legged Frogs who make a living the Grotzman Creek watershed, with possible construction-related mudslides washing into the creek and destabilizing homes in the area.

The evolving application, county responses and citizen comments are all available to view at the county’s Citizen Access website aca-prod.accela.com/HUMBOLDT/Login.aspx. Enter “PLN-2025-19343” in the search box at upper right.

Friends of Grotzman Creek Watershed may be contacted via fogcreek.earth

MARSH TOUR WITH FOCUS ON PLANTS Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 27. Meet leader Barbara Reisman at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk that will focus on plants. (707) 826-2359

WIGI WETLANDS WORKDAY Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Saturday, Dec. 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. for a Wigi Wetlands Volunteer Workday. Help create bird-friendly native habitats and restore a section of the bay trail by removing invasive plants and trash. The trail section is located behind the Bayshore Mall, and volunteers will meet in the parking lot behind Walmart. We will provide tools, gloves and delicious, homemade cookies. Contact Eric Nelson etn3115@icloud.com for questions or information.

BIRDING AT THE MARSH Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 27, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Kathryn Wendel at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for incredible views of Humboldt Bay, easy-to-walk trails and a great diversity of birdlife.

Godwit Days 2026 packed with activities

GODWIT DAYS
ARCATA – Online registration is now open for the 30th annual Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival, to be held April 16 through 19 at the Arcata Community Center.

Godwit Days celebrates the spring migration of the Marbled Godwit and the many bird species that travel the Pacific Flyway. Founded in 1996, the festival has grown into a major regional event that promotes environmental education and habitat conservation through guided field trips, workshops and expert-led programs, attracting birders and nature enthusiasts from around the world.

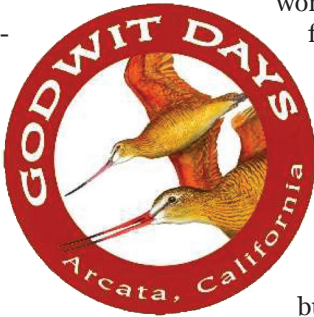
Keynote speakers include award-winning nature photographer and international tour guide Kristina Scheeff, who will present “Photographing the Spirit of Birds” on Saturday night, and local nonprofit The Integral Ecology Research Center, which will share insights on the impacts of Barred Owls on native species and ecology on Friday. Scheeff will also co-lead the Birding with the Keynote field trip on Saturday and the

Bird Flight Photography Workshop on Sunday during the festival.

The 2026 program features more than 75 field trips, including 58 birding trips, along with lectures, workshops, a banquet, silent auction, vendor fair and family activities.

Eighteen free events are offered, and 12 new trips debut this year, exploring local habitats such as Trinidad Head and Flatiron Rock, McKinleyville Community Forest, South Humboldt Bay, Butterflies of Ma’el Dunes and Snow Camp Road. Favorite trips to see Spotted Owls and California Condor return, but fill up fast – so don’t wait to register!

Free public events include an opening reception, a Friday night lecture, the Bird Fair, presentation of the Humboldt County Bird of the Year Award and displays from the 23rd Annual Student Bird Art Contest and the 21st Annual RRAS Student Nature Writing Contest. For the full schedule and to register, visit godwitdays.org. Registration questions can be directed to godwitdaysreg@yahoo.com.



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CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City of Arcata is pleased to announce the addition of a new street sweeper, purchased this past spring and now operating throughout the community.

Street sweeping is an effective tool that cities can use to reduce pollution, protect stormwater infrastructure and improve water quality. Street sweeping enables the City to meet community beautification priorities, as well as regulatory requirements, to reduce stormwater contamination reaching our creeks, sensitive habitats and Humboldt Bay. While the street sweeper is a powerful tool on its own, residents play a crucial role in making sweeping efficient and effective.

The city asks all residents and businesses to help keep neighborhoods clean by managing their own property’s waste and debris to keep streets and gutters clear.

- Do not put anything into the street. Please do not sweep, blow, rake or dump green waste, trash or other debris into the roadway or gutters, especially before sweeping days. The sweeper is not designed to remove debris from private properties

Arcata’s \$353,731.70 Lightweight Diesel Elgin RegenX Street Sweeper boasts a John Deere 4045 turbocharged diesel engine, 8 cu. yard filling hopper with a...

...50 degree dump angle, right and left side brooms, sweeper and a heavy-duty wandering hose. PHOTO VIA ELGIN

or collect large piles created by yard maintenance. When residents push materials into the street, it overwhelms the sweeper’s limited capacity, significantly slowing down operations and increasing disposal costs.

The City has plenty of online resources for learning about proper green waste disposal options.

- Park vehicles off-street on street sweeping days. Residents are encouraged to park off-street on sweeping days whenever possible to allow full curb access, where most debris accumulates. The sweeper’s schedule and routes are available on the city’s website. Please note that the schedule varies by season and time of day based on staffing

and daily operations.

- Keep the gutters and curbs clear. The sweeper will avoid curb lines where trees are hanging too low to prevent damage to the tree and the sweeper. Keeping trees trimmed and removing all garbage and recycling bins, bulky items and any other obstructions that block the gutter allows sweeper operators to clean the street safely and effectively.

By keeping cars and debris out of the street, residents help maximize sweeper effectiveness and support a cleaner, healthier Arcata.

To learn more about stormwater pollution prevention strategies, visit cityofarcata.org/352/Stormwater.

A message to families about Student Enrollment & Interdistrict Transfers

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year has begun.

Contact your school district of residence for details & deadlines.

hcoe.org/district-locator

SLOUGH GOO REMOVED

Dec. 2. Dec. 3.

GOOD GUYS TO THE RESCUE On Dec. 2, the day before two days of King Tides were due, some &@%!*%# left a huge mound of household cast-offs at the turnout on Jackson Ranch Road. With the material poised to wash into Liscom Slough and then Humboldt Bay the next day, slough guardian Ted Halstead called the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District who sent a crew to collect and properly dispose of the material just in time, and just like the negligent &%!@#heads should have done. The next day, right, the area was inundated but trash-free. humboldtбай.org, hwma.net PHOTOS BY TED HALSTEAD

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HAPPENING HYDRANTS
Blue Lake's inspiring fire hydrants, from left: at the Logger Bar, at Crow park, at Dell'Arte, at F Street and Railroad Avenue, and at the Dog House. Contact Blue Lake City Hall to find out how to create an artsy hydrant of your own inspiration.
PHOTOS BY MARVIN SAMUELS | BLUE LAKE BLURB

Blue Lake offers options for celebrating New Year's Eve, plus hydrants and books

If dogs could talk, they would tell you that it's not a fire hydrant; it's a community bulletin board and they have a message to leave on it. In other words, fire hydrants have become a dog's Facebook.

However; the City of Blue Lake has created a Fire Hydrant Art Community Project that will add artsy creativity to the usually dull hydrants throughout our town.

Artists, school art classes, individuals, organizations and businesses are encouraged to contact Blue Lake City Hall to become part of this ongoing beautification project.

Blue Lake will provide each artist with paint; this will include the primary colors, which may be combined to make additional colors. Stroll around town to behold some of the completed fire hydrants.

Fun ones to check out are at Dell'Arte (Cindy Phillips), across from the Logger Bar (Margo Whitcomb), Crow Park (Debi Cool King), The Doghouse (Darcy Lima) and the corner of F Street and Railroad Avenue (Integral Ecology Resource Center).

Do you want to celebrate the arrival of 2026 on East Coast time and be home in your comfy pants by 10 p.m.?

Plan to attend a New Year's Eve Black Jean Event on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at Dell'Arte.

Music will be provided by A Banjo Makes 3 and Rooster McClintock. This is an all-ages event with raffles, prizes, and a full bar (21 and over).

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the music begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 advance and \$20 at the door. Get your tickets at the Logger Bar or at Dead Reckoning Tavern in Arcata.

The holiday season is a time of giving. A wonderful way to show your gratitude to the Blue Lake Library is to donate new or gently used quality books (no bodice rippers please) to the Booklegger, 402 Second St., Eureka.

Kim Hinkle, Blue Lake Library branch manager

said you can specify the credit you receive to go to the Blue Lake Library account. Kim is then able to use this amount to get more books for our library.

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La inscripción para el año escolar 2026-2027 ha comenzado.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el distrito escolar de su residencia.



hcoe.org/district-locator

Note: the following letter was excerpted in last week's edition, and appears below in full – Ed.

BL recall: vote ‘No’

If you live in Blue Lake, you'll get your City Council recall ballot in the mail this week. I encourage you to vote “no.” This recall has been very divisive and we all want to move on and put this behind us. But if you don't vote, a small number of people may decide this election.

It is important to tell our elected officials when we don't agree with them – that's what phone calls, emails and attending city council meetings are for. But we need to send the message that Blue Lake voters support our candidates once we elect them and will not support recalling them even if we sometimes don't like the decisions they make.

- The correct vote on this recall is “no”:
- The justifications for the recall – particularly as stated in the earlier pro-recall voter materials – are not true
 - Recall elections are expensive; this one cost us taxpayers more than \$16,000
 - Recalling a City Council member for reasons other than serious misconduct discourages people from running and it's already hard to find good candidates

Please mail in your ballot soon, before it gets lost among the holiday preparations (there's no in-person voting in Blue Lake anymore), and vote “no” on the recall.

Lin Glen
Blue Lake

Good reasons to recall Elise Scafani

The citizens of Blue Lake have a chance to send a powerful message and vote yes to recall Elise Scafani. In the two years I was on the council with Elise, her whole focus was to contradict our City Manager Mandy Mager and to be skeptical of any projects which were beneficial to our city.

When Blue Lake was faced with a \$320,000 bill from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, our council formed an ad hoc committee and met with HCSO representatives to get the bill down to \$190,000. Weeks

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later at a Board of Supervisors meeting where the new contract would be ratified, there was even discussion of giving the city an additional \$30,000 break, Elise stood up and argued against the city, saying we had plenty of money and the extra \$30,000 added back on, to the astonishment of all present.

Lin Glen states in the *Mad River Union* (Dec. 17, 2025) “recalling a City Council member for reasons other than serious misconduct discourages people from running and it's already hard to find good candidates.” If there was serious misconduct, it would be a matter for the law to step in. The lack of good candidates is because councilpersons are often subjected to bullying and rudeness, as I was as mayor at meetings and through a very toxic local Facebook site.

Ms. Glen goes on to say: “It's important to tell our elected officials when we don't agree with them – that's what phone calls, emails and attending City Council meetings are for.” I have emailed these councilmembers and they don't respond. The Council Chambers were full of Blue Lakers last spring begging the Council not to oust Manager Mager and they didn't listen. The late Merritt Lindgren even cried when he spoke in favor of Mager but a majority of council had their minds made up.

City staff morale has never been lower since the ousting of Manager Mager. Commission vacancies have been hard to fill. Elise attends commission meetings where she has intimidated commissioners to the point that now we don't have a quorum for our Planning Commission. So many have resigned that we're down to two which means the Council acts as our Planning Commission, giving Elise and the two councilmembers that were close to being recalled even more power.

It's imperative that we vote yes to recall Elise. Hopefully in 2026 we will have qualified and dedicated candidates who will restore dignity and progress to our beautiful town of Blue Lake.

Sincerely,
Adelene Jones

Blue Lake councilperson for 30 years,
proud mayor of Blue Lake for 12 years

Holiday Spirit at the Senior Center

December is rolling along nicely at the McKinleyville Senior Center. As many will recall, we were already set up for Christmas beginning in November in preparation for our “Christmas in November” fundraising event.

The event was a great success. Not only did it

help us raise much-needed funds, it also allowed us to clear out and reorganize space for our Durable Medical Equipment Lending Program. Much of this equipment is large and not easily stored, so we are grateful to now have every possible square inch available in our storage areas.

At our November Board meeting, our Board members and hostesses were pleased to welcome Kristian Sturm, an attorney with Legal Services of Northern California. Mr. Sturm gave an informative and engaging presentation on how his organization assists older adults with legal matters related to housing, government benefits, health and other civil issues.

We regularly invite guest speakers to our staff meetings, as continuing education is an important part of ensuring we can effectively serve the needs of our community.

While November is officially National Gratitude Month, December often carries that spirit forward through themes of giving, kindness and holiday reflection. This December has been no exception.

We extend our sincere thanks to the individuals and businesses who responded to our Gratitude Month fundraising campaign. Several new contributors stepped forward this year to offer financial support.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we rely entirely on community generosity, receiving zero dollars from government sources to provide the vital services our older community members deserve.

In that same spirit of giving, several new volunteers have recently stepped forward to donate their time as hostesses and program

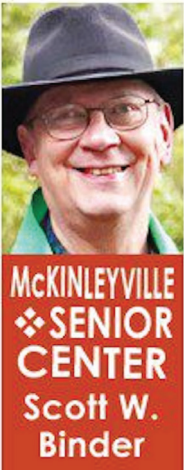
leaders. While many volunteers remain with us for years, there are always times when additional help is needed.

We wish to thank Cheryl Kay Levy for her dedicated service on Wednesday mornings and wish her much happiness in her new apartment in Eureka. Stepping into Cheryl's role is our newest volunteer, Diane Olson, who joined us last week. She is a delightful addition and is already fitting in beautifully.

Fill-in hostesses are especially helpful, as medical appointments do not always align with center schedules. If you are interested in volunteering, please stop by and let us show you around.

Looking ahead to January, Dr. Gina Belton will host a grief workshop on Wednesday, Jan. 28. Watch for flyers on local bulletin boards and updates on our social media pages. We are also moving forward with plans for a memory support group beginning in late January or early February.

As always, the best ways to stay informed about Center happenings are through our Facebook page and Nextdoor. Thank you for reading, and we wish you health and happiness as you welcome in 2026.



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1118 Sixth St.
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(707) 441-1185
Meara Hattan, Clerk
Deputy, JOHN C.
Date: SEPT. 3, 2025
12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14

SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER:
CV2501869

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
MICHAEL GRAM JR. and DOES 1-10, inclusive
YOU ARE BEING SUED
BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): COAST CENTRAL CREDIT UNION

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
ANDRES SANCHEZ-PORTILLO
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF DEL NORTE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: MARBIN ANDROS SANCHEZ PORTILLO

A. To Proposed name: ANDRES SANCHEZ-PORTILLO

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 450 H STREET, CRESCENT CITY, CA 95531, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: Jan. 30, 2026
Time: 10 a.m.
Dept.: 1

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: DEC. 15, 2025
DARREN MCEL-FRESH
Judge of the Superior Court
12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14

CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1583
I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on November 19, 2025, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1583, summarized below, An

Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending Title VIII of the Arcata Municipal Code and Adopting by Reference the 2025 California Building Standards Code, the Uniform Housing Code, the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, and the Property Maintenance Code, at which time the reading in full thereof was unanimously waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only.
Ordinance No 1583 was passed and adopted at a regular meeting held on December 17, 2025, by the following voice vote: AYES: White, Atkins-Salazar, Matthews, Stillman. NOES: None. ABSENT: Schaefer. ABSTENTIONS: None.

Rhea Varley,
City Clerk,
City of Arcata

Summary of Ordinance No. 1583

The State of California adopts the California Building Standards Code every three (3) years. This Ordinance amends Title VIII of the Arcata Municipal Code to incorporate the 2025 California Building Standards Code and its companion codes, with amendments based on Arcata's local conditions in accordance with California Health and Safety Code section 17958.7. The Ordinance amends Title VIII of the Arcata Municipal Code to incorporate the 1997 Edition of the Uniform Housing Code, the 1997 Edition of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, and the 2024 Property Maintenance Code.

The full text of Ordinance No. 1583, the 2025 California Building Standards Code and its companion codes, the 1997 Edition of the Uniform Housing Code, the 1997 Edition of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, and the 2024 Property Maintenance Code are available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The ordinance will take effect on January 16, 2026, BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA. Dated: December 17, 2025.

Rhea Varley,
City Clerk,
City of Arcata
12/24

Early New Year's gala

DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL
BLUE LAKE – Dell'Arte invites the community to kick off New Year's Eve in style at the Early Bird Special Black Jeans Gala, an evening designed for those who want to celebrate early and support local arts.

Taking place at Dell'Arte in Blue Lake, the festivities begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31 with doors opening for mingling and drinks, followed by live performances at 7 p.m. headlined by Rooster McClintock and opening act A Banjo Makes 3 (a group of rag-tag misfits, plucking and picking their way with Bluegrass as their weapon of choice). Festivities will wrap up at 9:30 p.m.

The NYE Early Bird Special Black Jeans Gala is a great way to help keep the Dell'Arte fires burning! Raffle prizes and a full bar round out the offerings, ensuring a memorable start to



ROOSTER MCCLINTOCK includes Paul Calovich Jr. (bass and vocals), Jeff Langdon (drums and vocals), Jereme Stinespring (guitar and vocals) and Jake Weigandt (guitar and vocals). SUBMITTED PHOTO

the holiday! Guests can dance into the evening – all while wrapping up in time to head home for an early night or continue the celebration elsewhere! Don't miss out on the Logger Bar Karaoke

Night happening immediately afterward!

General admission is \$15 to \$20. Tickets are available, cash only, at the Logger Bar and Dead Reckoning.
DellArte.com



A BANJO MAKES 3 features Charlie Sleep (guitar), Doc Woglom (mandolin), Kevin Talston (banjo), Jim Hatchimonji (fiddle), and Larisa Sleep (bass). SUBMITTED PHOTO

TURTLE GOODWATER performs Saturday, Dec. 27 at the Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. An evening of acoustic Americana, old country, bluegrass and honkytonk classics with Turtle Goodwater, along with John Ray on banjo and dobro accompaniment. Show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over.

BLACKSAGE RUNNERS perform Saturday, Dec. 27 at Mad River Taproom at 195 Taylor Way in Blue Lake. The Blacksage Runners are a true power trio consisting of Joe Antrim on guitar, Brendan Madsen on drums and Joe Hays on bass. The Runners deliver head-banging, high-energy rock and blues. Show starts at 5:30 p.m. All ages.

JAMES ZELLER performs Monday, Dec. 29 at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata. What should you give James Zeller for his birthday this year? Your presence at his birthday concert! Wait, that's what he's giving you. James hopes to bring a large cast of collaborators and perform music from his different selves. From singer songwriter to jazz trombonist, from

bebop to improvised music, serious to comedic, all heartfelt, James brings so much joy and creativity to the Sanctuary and our community. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. All ages.

THE BLUE LOONS perform Wednesday, Dec. 31 at the Wild Hare Tavern at 915 H St. in Arcata. Rock 'n' roll originals and covers, delta blues and boogie gypsy jazz with the Blue Loons, featuring Ben Stoeck and also Jonathan, Tim and Eliot Clans. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. \$10 at the door Wednesday, Dec. 31.

MAGNIFICENT SANCTUARY GROUP performs Wednesday, Dec. 31 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Ring in the New Year with Humboldt County's own Magnificent Sanctuary Group celebrating the music of Jerry Garcia and the Jerry Garcia Band, delivering jams that are sure to make the audience groove. Also with support from Free Limitess Energy, playing bluegrass versions of Jerry Garcia, David Grisman and more. Doors open at 8 p.m., show

starts at 8:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$22 at the door.

DUELING PIANOS takes place Wednesday, Dec. 31 at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake. The Blue Lake Rancheria presents an unforgettable, all-request, high-energy, fully interactive show featuring renowned top piano bar entertainers Laura Wiley and David Mahokey for New Year's Eve; this soulful pair will have the audience dancing and singing along, and they will help make the beginning of 2026 something to truly remember. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets range from \$46 to \$62 and includes champagne. (877) 252-2946, bluelakecasino.com

COMING UP:
• The Dirty Dozen Brass Band at Humboldt Brewery, Saturday, Jan. 3, 8:30 p.m.
• The Mike Dillon Band at Humboldt Brewery, Sunday, Jan. 4, 8 p.m.
• Berner at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Thursday, Jan. 8, 8 p.m.
• Erik Koskinen at the Arcata Playhouse, Monday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m.
• The Intima at Richard's Goat, Friday, Jan. 16, 8:30 p.m.

Zoo Lights back for the holidays

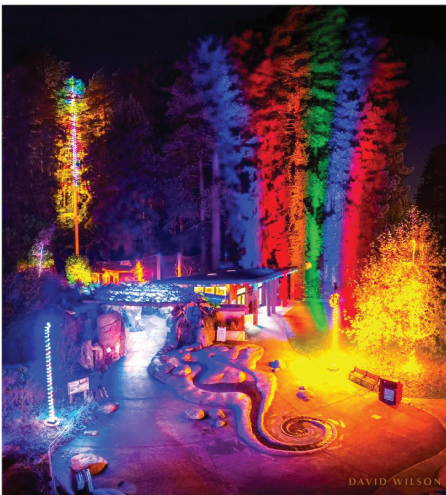
SEQUOIA PARK ZOO
EUREKA – Celebrate the magic and wonder of the season with Zoo Lights – a special holiday experience found only in Eureka!

Now in its third year, Zoo Lights is an enchanting pathway through Sequoia Park Zoo that features seasonal displays, an illuminated Redwood Sky Walk, and the tallest living holiday tree in Humboldt.

"This tree is special. It has a story to tell and a lot of growing to do," said Jim Campbell-Spickler, Sequoia Park Zoo Director and redwood canopy ecologist responsible for climbing, rigging and caring for the holiday tree.

The relatively young coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) was chosen for its iconic location and the potential to be one of the future tallest trees at the zoo. The holiday tree measured an impressive 175 feet 3.75 inches during its annual assessment at the zoo's OktoBEARfest fundraiser, and its height is expected to accelerate over the next decade as the tree grows tall enough to better compete with its neighbors.

"We want people who meet our tree to keep coming back and watch it grow alongside them," Campbell-Spickler said. "Zoo Lights is all about creating new traditions, celebrating our commu-



ZOO LIGHTS Explore the enchanting, lighted pathways at Sequoia Park Zoo. PHOTO BY DAVID WILSON

nity and giving local families and their visiting relatives a magical night at the zoo."

Zoo Lights, presented by the City of Eureka, runs every night - except Christmas - through Sunday, Jan. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Admission is \$5 per person. Tickets are available for purchase at the zoo ticket booth in advance and on the night of the event. Adverse weather may require closure at any time.
redwoodzoo.org

Three Radio Plays from Pelican Bay

DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL
BLUE LAKE – *Orbit Arts Sonic Showcase: Three Radio Plays from Pelican Bay* will air on KHSU during the holiday season on Dec. 24, 25 and 26 at 6:30 p.m.

The pieces featured were created by participants in Dell'Arte's Orbit Arts Program (Prison Arts Theatre) at Pelican Bay State Prison in collaboration with KHSU's Stephanie McGeary, local musician Cory Goldman and facilitated by Program Director Janessa Johnsrude. Each evening of the run will feature a different 15-minute play/audio creation.

Three separate pieces written, developed, and performed by the three working theatre ensembles at Pelican Bay comprise the series; *Gumbo: An Audio Collage* created by participants on Pelican Bay's A yard follows Chef Foreign Waterz as he makes a pot of Gumbo, which serves as a metaphor for collective belonging in a time of extreme divisions; *Ro-Sham-Boom: Last Hand Standing* a comedy short of a radio broadcast of the 10th Annual Intergalactic Ro-Sham-Bo championships was created by the D yard Orbit Arts Ensemble; *From the Outside Looking In* is a meditation on the concept of identity featuring poems and interviews from the B-yard class.

Program participant John Puruggan discussed his experience of studying theatre at Pelican Bay as part of the D-yard ensemble, creators of *Ro-Sham-Boom*: "The primary focus of our class is to explore communication and articulation, essential skills for a successful transition back into society," Puruggan said. "In addition to a creative outlet, Dell'Arte's Orbit Arts Program can bring about unexpected levels of maturation. Once an incarcerated person begins identifying shared aspects of humanity, they begin to discern cultural differences and boundaries and triggers. Feelings and emotions are at the center of this process and so it follows that creating depth for characters produces a deeper understanding of the human condition and the self."

"Most importantly, theater provides a constructive way to process emotion in a healthy manner," Puruggan said. "The inability to do so limits all relationships, personal societal, and with the inner-self, which makes the processing

of emotions crucial. This leads to valuable personal insight. Insight makes possible the cultivation of empathy and compassion, cornerstones of humanity, restorative justice and genuine transformation. This year's theatre group was gifted in the way they easily embraced each others' differences and transmuted all of the divergent energy into a unified community of support, joy and laughter. Our special thanks to Dell'Arte's Janessa Johnsrude for her talent and her ability to create a safe space where we can work on improving ourselves and reconnecting with humanity."

Dell'Arte Orbit Arts Program runs in 20 week terms. During the first several classes, participants meet with Program Director Janessa Johnsrude and Teaching Artist Samantha Williams Gray to build a working ensemble. Then Johnsrude stays on to help focus on project work. This term, she teamed up with elected class production managers Delroy Espinoza, Daniel Williams and Anthony Eidem to facilitate the process.

KHSU's Stephanie McGeary suggested a collaborative radio presentation as a program project after attending the premiere of the documentary *We're All We Need: Theatre At Pelican Bay* at Dell'Arte's annual Baduwa't Festival which featured B yard participants and their perspectives on creating a show, *The Variety Pack*, together.

She was brought in to record, edit and sound design along with artist Cory Goldman who works with youth on music and beat making through the MARZ Project, a program of the Ink People Center for the Arts.

Goldman and McGeary came in to record the pieces in the final weeks and work with program participants to meet their vision. The resulting presentation is the culmination of true artistic community collaboration.

Listen in each evening at 6:30 p.m. to hear the pieces. On Wednesday, Dec. 24, *Gumbo: An Audio Collage* will air, on Thursday, Dec. 25 at 6:30 p.m., *Ro-Sham-Boom: Last Hand Standing* will air, and on Friday, Dec. 26 at 6:30 p.m. *From the Outside Looking In* will air. Tune in to KHSU at 90.5 FM Arcata, 89.9 Garberville, 88.7 Ferndale, 99.9 Willow Creek 91.9 FM Crescent City and online at khsu.org.

BOUFFON WORKSHOP
OpenArt is pleased to present a workshop based on the delicate art form of Bouffon with Sar-

ah Peters Gonzalez and James Peck at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Arcata, CA 95521, from Thursday, Jan. 22

through Sunday, Jan. 25. Contact admin@openartgroup.org for more information and register at OpenArtgroup.org.

Parent Info Nights



Arcata Elementary School

2400 Baldwin Street, Arcata

Thursday, January 15, 6-7 p.m.

Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten Night:

Come see our new TK classroom & playground!

With an average class size of under 20 students, AES offers art, dance, music and robust academic programming. Call (707) 822-4858 to register.



Sunny Brae Middle School

1430 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata

Wednesday, January 14, 6-7 p.m.

With an average class size under 25 students, SBMS offers 6th-8th graders rotating classes with robust electives, including Spanish Language Instruction/Immersion, music & theater, and sports. Call (707) 822-5988 to register.



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Visit the ASD website or call (707) 822-0351, ext. 101 for assistance.

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